

Claim 11 (amended): A boatlift assembly which is effective to lift a boat in a substantially vertical direction, said boatlift assembly comprising:

a plurality of vertical support members, wherein said support members are spaced to define an outer periphery of said boatlift assembly;

a boat cradle portion which is slidably coupled to each of said plurality of support members, wherein said boat cradle portion is confined to movement in a substantially vertical direction by said support members;

a movable canopy portion having an opaque and generally waterproof cover which is disposed over said boat cradle portion, said canopy portion having a plurality of engagement members which confine said movable canopy portion to movement in a substantially vertical direction; and

at least one cable and pulley system having a cable and a pair of pulleys, wherein said pair of pulleys are rotatably mounted to a unique one of said vertical support members and wherein said cable is looped around said pair of pulleys and is effective to interconnect said movable canopy portion to said boat cradle portion, thereby causing said canopy portion to automatically move in response to movement of said cradle portion.